

BRYAN MEETS CZAR.
William Jennings Bryan was received in audience by Czar Nicholas at noon yesterday in St. Petersburg. The audience lasted for 15 minutes. During the conversation with Mr. Bryan the Czar expressed in the most emphatic manner the feeling of friendship entertained by him and by the Russian nation for the United States and the hope that the good relations which have always existed between the two countries would never be disturbed. He gave evidence of the deepest interest in and acquaintance with affairs in the United States. In response to Mr. Bryan's inquiry concerning the progress of public instruction in Russia, the Czar gave a minute description of the system of education in the Russian empire, showing an intimate knowledge of educational methods and the statistics relating thereto. Mr. Bryan was entertained at dinner by Ambassador McCormick last night. He will leave for Berlin today.

CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS.—Many are the superstitions that still survive in song and story, that have gathered in the passing of the centuries about the advent of Christmas.

Among these may be mentioned the belief long held in England that oxen kneel in their mangers at midnight on Christmas eve, in adoration of the nativity, and that for an hour the gift of speech is bestowed upon them.

For that hour, too, lost spirits are permitted to cease from their restless wanderings and rest. Judas sleeps, Herod's chain no longer clanks, Herodias ceases her endless dance, and Pilate's soul no longer goes to and fro upon Mount Pilatus.

He who sleeps in a manger on Christmas eve is permitted to see his future in a vision, if one may accept the authority of tradition on the subject. Wherever a church has stood, even though no trace remains, one may on Christmas eve hear the sound of church bells.

A RARE SURGICAL FEAT.—An operation having no parallel in the surgical world was performed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Sioux City, Ia., yesterday by Dr. William Jepson, who has the chair of surgery at the State university. John Norstrom, of Danbury, Conn., fell from a load of hay, striking on his head and breaking his neck. He has been almost paralyzed for weeks, and Dr. Jepson decided to operate on his broken neck. Accordingly a portion of the third cervical vertebra was removed, the false growth of tissue was cleaned out and the bone replaced. The patient is doing well, with every prospect of recovery. Operations have been performed for the relief of a dislocation of the lumbar vertebra, but no other case is known in which the cervical vertebra, situated so near the medulla oblongata, the seat of the vital bodily functions, has been successfully removed and replaced.

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SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT.

The winter months are now at hand. On Sunday afternoons many of our young men, and some of the older ones, collect on King street and other points about the city. There is no particular place for them to go. Perhaps a few go to Washington to attend the afternoon churches, or to hear some lecturer at one of the theatres over there, and no doubt derive much benefit from so doing, but ought not these young men be furnished entertainment here at home? Surely the churches of this city are abundantly able to bear the expense of some kind of entertainment that will be both pleasing and elevating. If the pastors of the various churches in Alexandria would unite and bring this matter to the attention of their congregations, some plan would undoubtedly be agreed upon, both as to the character of the entertainment and the share of the expense to be borne by each congregation. If it is determined that the entertainment should consist of a lecture, the pastors could form a committee to select the speakers. There are many of our own citizens abundantly able to deliver a popular Sunday afternoon address, and who would certainly be glad to address such a meeting. There are also a great many men whose business it is to speak to such a gathering on Sunday afternoons, and who ask only that their actual expenses be paid. The Opera House could probably be secured for a nominal price, and if it is thought advisable some of the church choirs could lead the singing by turns. Special music could be had, if desired, but the writer believes that such a gathering prefers to do its own singing, and needs a leader only. Our worthy Mayor has closed the saloons on Sunday. Now let the church people of this city give these young men a chance to go somewhere and be profitably entertained in comfort. Let the entertainment be free, and open to both sexes, with a cordial invitation and welcome to all.

JAPS AND KOREANS FIGHT.—A dispatch from Seoul, Korea, says: "Numerous conflicts have occurred at Chemulpo and Massampo between Japanese and Korean inhabitants. The Japanese telegraph operators have charge of the line from Seoul to the coast. The possibility of Japanese troops landing to preserve order is discussed, but it would only be done with the consent of the Russian government. An authoritative denial is given of the reports from Peking that the French minister there has notified China that if she allied herself with Japan, pending a settlement of the Russo-Japanese controversy, France would advance in southern China. It is said in this connection that France has not taken any steps whatever in the matter, and is not contemplating action in the event of a rupture between Japan and Russia. On the contrary, the official view is that France and Great Britain are not likely to become involved, and that Russia and Japan will be left to settle their controversy."

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Northern mails, week days, close at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a. m., and 1:15, 2:40, 6:40, 8:23 and 10:45 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m., 12:40 p. m. and 4:30 p. m. On Sundays Northern mails close at 9:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 7:20 p. m. Southern mails via Charlottesville close at 7:30 and 10:40 a. m., and 2:50, 6:30 and 10:45 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Southern mails via Richmond close at 10:30 a. m. and 3:00, 6:30 and 10:45 p. m. Open at 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. Alexandria and Round Hill mails close at 7:30 a. m. and 4 p. m. Open at 9:00 a. m. and 3:45 p. m. Open at 12:00 p. m. Alexandria and Round Hill mails close at 7:30 a. m. and 4 p. m. Open at 9:00 a. m. and 3:45 p. m. Open at 12:00 p. m.

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LEGAL NOTICES.
VIRGINIA.—In the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, on the 5th day of December, 1903, Harrison Kirk, Jr., adm'r. of James H. Beach, deceased, vs. Mary C. Ellis, M. B. Harlow, trustee, and H. C. Griffith.
Memo: The object of this suit is to recover of the defendant the sum of three hundred dollars, with interest thereon from July 24th, 1895, until paid, subject, however, to a credit of two hundred dollars and interest, as of May 24th, 1897, and a further credit of thirty dollars, as of April 4th, 1901, and to attach and adjoint the payment of the same to the estate of the said defendant within the city of Alexandria, and particularly all right, title, interest and estate of the said defendant, Mary C. Ellis, in and to the following real estate, situated in the said city:
1st. All that lot of ground, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the said city, and bounded as follows: Beginning on the west side of Royal street at a point supposed to be one hundred and eleven feet north of Duke street, and on the north line of an alley which separates this lot of ground from the tenement and lot of ground owned by James McDougough, and running thence north on Royal street twenty-two feet, more or less, to the middle of the partition wall between the brick dwelling on this lot of ground and the brick dwelling adjoining the same on the north; thence west, parallel with Duke street, one hundred and twenty-three feet; thence south, parallel with Royal street, one hundred and twenty-three feet, to the middle of the partition wall between the brick dwelling on this lot of ground and the brick dwelling adjoining the same on the north; thence east in a direct line, one hundred and twenty-three feet to the beginning, with all appurtenances to the same belonging, being the premises known as No. 217 south Royal street.
2nd. All that lot of ground, with the buildings and improvements thereon, being the premises known as No. 215 south Royal street, and adjoining the above described property on the north, with all rights and appurtenances to the same belonging.
It appearing by an affidavit filed in this cause that the defendant, Mary C. Ellis, is a non-resident of this State: It is ordered, That said defendant appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect her interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper for the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this city.
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By NEVILL S. GREENAWAY, D. C.
J. R. Caton, p. q.
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VIRGINIA.—In the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, on the 12th day of December, 1903, City Council of Alexandria vs. the unknown heirs of Edward R. Lippitt and Mary F. Lippitt.
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